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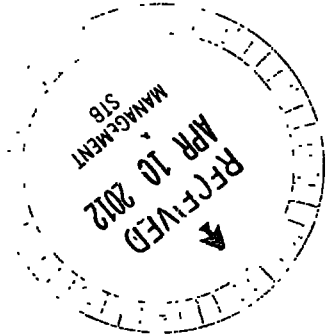
The Honorable Cynthia Brown,
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Dear Ms. Brown,

I am writing to you to ask for an update on the Surface Transportation Board's review of Canadian National's (CN) acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railroad (EJ & E) in Illinois. This past December, a number of my colleagues and I sent a letter to the Board regarding CN's acquisition of the EJ & E urging the Board to exercise its oversight jurisdiction and fully consider the new evidence and allegations of material error that the Village of Barrington brought to its attention in its October 14 petition.

In that same letter, we also urged the Board to consider requiring CN to pay the full cost of constructing the grade separation at U.S. Route 14. As Barrington has determined, CN's recent implementation of Constant Warning Time has added to traffic delays and queue lengths at both the Strategic Regional Arterial routes in Barrington. However, Barrington has sought relief for only one of them even though it appears that it could well justify seeking relief for both. Given that concession, it is only fair to require CN, as the beneficiary of the Board's approval of its acquisition of the EJ&E line, to pay the full cost of mitigation associated with the construction of a grade separation at U.S. Route 14 rather than the taxpayers of Illinois who are already on the hook for a high percentage of the cost of constructing grade separations in Aurora and Lynwood, Illinois.

This is an important issue for many of my constituents and I look forward to your response on the status of this review. Thank you for the valuable work you do for our country.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress